

APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/655,858
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 95121961.206001

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his courtesy in the interview of February 2, 2006.

Applicants' Attorney, Brian McCormack, interviewed the Examiner, Dr. Leo Boutsikaris, in his office, and the inventor, Dr. Gary Sharp, participated by telephone. No claims were specifically discussed in the interview, and no exhibits were shown. Applicants generally discussed the meaning of "retarder stacks" as claimed and described in the current application, relative to the prior art references of Land (U.S. Pat. No. 2,184,999) and Ogle (U.S. Pat. No. 4,595,692).

Applicants believe the discussion of the claimed retarder stack technology was helpful to the Examiner's understanding of Applicants' claims, and Applicants have further provided the above new paragraph to define "retarder stack." The new paragraph is amply supported by U.S. Patent Application No. 09/754,091, which was incorporated by reference in paragraph 20 of the present application. For particular support of the above paragraph, see p. 24, line 4 through p. 25, line 14. of the '091 patent application.

A background of this technology is further provided by the background references (authored by or invented by Dr. Sharp, the inventor in the present application) that Applicants are citing in the IDS filed with this Response.

Applicants have further amended the claims to make clear the distinction of Applicants' claims relative to the prior-art references. In particular, none of the prior-art references disclose a "retarder stack" as claimed by Applicant, in which the retarder stack together with the polarizers operate as a FIR filter as described and claimed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. The

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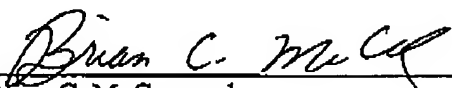
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Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney of Record if it would expedite the prosecution of the present Application. Applicant notes that this response is timely filed within the shortened statutory three-month period and therefore no extension fee is required. If it is determined that additional fees are due, or if an overcharge has occurred, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-0480 referencing the Attorney Docket number specified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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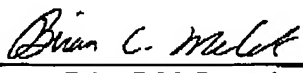
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